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Senator John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Cornyn:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

Chairman Martin is proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair. I urge Chairman Martin to rethink his flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know that your constituents have contacted you to oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan. Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

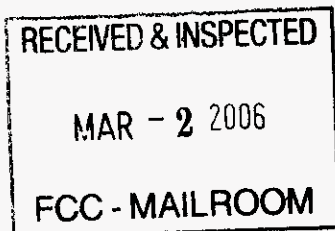
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February 23, 2006

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Ex Parte Presentation
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hudson Valley Community College submits this letter to express our concerns that a number-based contribution model would have a significant impact on our campus operations.

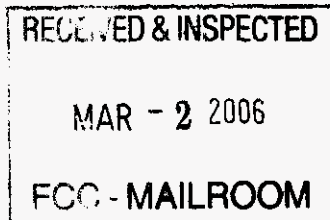
If the per-number fee was \$1.00 in a number-based approach, we have calculated that our federal universal service obligation would increase from about \$600 per year to over \$20,000 per year. Our college does not have the financial resources to offset this substantial increase. We would be forced to consider options such as reducing costs by eliminating DID numbers and making use of extension numbers behind a single working number or reducing investments by eliminating a VoIP project to investigate the merging of data and voice networks. Any such decisions would ultimately have a detrimental effect on the quality of academic life at our college.

We request that the FCC consider alternative contribution models that would not place such a substantial burden on the higher education community and suggest that no reform proposal be formally adopted until the full impact of the proposal on all affected parties has been thoroughly discussed and studied.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Matonak, Ed.D.
President

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February 16, 2006 09:57 AM

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Senator Lamar Alexander
U.S. Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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